Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	Year ended December 83	December 84	December 85
10	Madhya Pradesh	237	304	380
11	Maharashtra	437	541	677
12	Manipur	1	1	2
13	Meghalaya	3	5	6
14	Nagaland	1	4	7
15	Orissa	115	143	166
16	Punjab	435	527	590
17	Rajasthan	210	253	314
18	Tamil Nadu	487	630	797
19	Tripura	5	6	10
20	Uttar Pradesh	541	661	784
21	West Bengal	162	222	302
22	Sikkim	0·40	1·00	2·00
23	A&N Islands	0·60	0·90	1·00
24	Arunachal Pradesh	0·30	0·04	0·51
25	Chandigarh	4·00	76·00	142·00
26	Dadra Nagar & Haveli	0·10	0·10	0·16
27	Delhi	16·00	21·00	25·00
28	Goa Daman & Diu	15·00	16·00	20·00
29	Lakshadweep	0·05	0·08	0·30
30	Mizoram	0·02	0·40	0·50
31	Pondicherry	16·00	16·00	18·00
		4778·00	5970·00	7415·00

NOTE : 1. Data Provisional, 2. Total may not add up due to rounding difference.

Appointment of liaison agents by Public Sector Undertakings

693. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some firms or individuals are working as liaison agents with the Steel Authority of India Limited;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have issued any instructions to all the Public Sector Undertakings not to engage outsiders for liaison work?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. SAIL have appointed selling agents for disposal of their melting scrap. These include the Metal Scrap Trade Corporation, a public sector organisation. SAIL have also decided to appoint agents to help them sell alloy steels. These agents will be appointed after open advertisements.

SAIL have in the past appointed agents in the foreign countries for exporting steel. Such agents, however, are appointed on a case to case basis. There are no standing liaison agents for SAIL in foreign countries.

In case of indigenous purchases or purchase of imported items, suppliers appoint agents to represent their cases with SAIL. Such agents are not appointed by SAIL.

These appointments are in line with normal commercial practice.

(c) No, Sir.

High Power Committee to review Crop Insurance Scheme

694. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Crop Insurance Scheme has not been working economically;

(b) whether Government have set up a High-Power Committee to undertake an indepth review of the functioning of the Scheme;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what are the terms of reference of this Committee?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. A Group under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary of Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Agriculture & Cooperation) has been constituted to undertake an indepth and critical review of the functioning of the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme. The other members of the Group are from Ministry of Finance, Planning Commission, General Insurance Corporation of India, Bombay, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute, New Delhi, National Sample Survey Organization and the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation.

The terms of reference of the Group are:

(i) To undertake an indepth and critical review of the functioning of the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme with a view to suggesting policy changes etc. for improving its functioning in future;

(ii) Examine the proposed scheme for apple and sugarcane and reformulate the same in the light of the comments of the Committee of Secretaries on the subject.

Taking over of Iron and Steel works at Bhadravati

695. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka have recently forwarded a proposal regarding the taking over of the Iron and Steel works at Bhadravati;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government have since communicated to the Government of Karnataka about the take-over of the said works; and

(c) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Specific Plan for Group Housing Societies

696. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any specific plan to permit and